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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
TOSHIO TSUJIMOTO, ET AL. : EXAMINER: SONG, M.  
SERIAL NO: 10/673,180 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1792  
FILED: SEPTEMBER 30, 2003 : RCE FILED: HEREWITH  
FOR: REINFORCING METHOD OF :  
SILICA GLASS SUBSTANCE AND  
REINFORCED SILICA GLASS  
CRUCIBLE

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Final Rejection dated July 1, 2008, and further to the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.